THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the grade was Rs. 425-700 and not 550-900.

(b) One

(c) and (d) In accordance with the directions of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Allahabad the claim of the affected employee has been reconsidered by the administration and rejected.

Book stalls allotted to A.H. Wheeler & Co.

1249. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3461 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 1992 and to state:

(a) what are the details of book-stalls (with name of Stations) allotted to A.H. Wheeler & Co. without adopting normal set procedure by calling applications through Press Notification; and

(b) what are the details of Stations (with names) where bookstalls allotted through normal set procedure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Road Accidents

1250. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 60,000 people die in the country every year, in road accidents;

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi leads highest fatality rate in road accidents;

(c) if so, what are the details of persons killed and injured in road accidents (State-wise) during each of the last three years;

(d) what preventive steps/precautions Government have taken or propose to take to minimise the road accidents;

(e) whether Government propose to introduce air bag facility in the cars; and

(f) if so, what are the details including its cost and advantages to the occupants of the cars in cases of accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) In 1992, around 57,000 persons were killed in road accidents.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. A statement of details of persons killed and injured in road accidents (State-wise) during each of the last three years is enclosed in statements I & II (*see* Below).

(d) The steps taken/being taken for promoting road safety are given in Annexure-II.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.